Organ Crawl in Saint Paul Summit Avenue Area

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The TCAGO Chapter presents an Organ Crawl in Saint Paul for its October event.

9:00 a.m. St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1079 Summit Avenue
Casavant 1926, Schultz 1990; III, 56 ranks
Demonstration: Winston Kaehler

10:00 a.m. St. Stephanus Lutheran Church
739 Lafond Avenue
Casavant 1971; II, 28 ranks
Demonstration: Bruch Anderson

11:00 a.m. St. Clement Episcopal Church
901 Portland Avenue
Aeolian-Skinner 1961; II, 26 ranks
Demonstration: Nils Halker

Noon: lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. St. Paul’s United Church of Christ Church
900 Summit Ave
Wicks 1916, Hunt; 30 ranks
Demonstration: Geoff Olson
Presentation on Hauptwerk organ technology:
Randy Moe of Encore Organ Technology

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Paul Westermeyer

Pipenotes and Stewardship
Recently David Geslin as our Treasurer sent out the following request from me to Members of the TCAGO Chapter who receive Pipenotes in the mail.

Several years ago the Twin Cities Board of the AGO decided to send out two copies of Pipenotes each month, one version electronically and a shorter version by mail. This decision was made to steward our resources as wisely as possible, saving money on postage and paper. At its meeting on August 31 the Board revisited this decision and decided to make the two versions of Pipenotes the same, so that those who receive the paper copy in the mail would get what is sent on-line.

Since this will cost more money, the Board passed a second motion instructing me to ask if those of you who have on-line capabilities and also get the paper copy would consider receiving only the on-line version. The fewer paper copies sent by mail, the less the cost. If you need the paper copy, we’ll continue to send it. If not, please let us know if you’re willing to receive only the on-line copy. Send your response – “send electronically” or “send by mail” will do it – by September 25 to Treasurer David Geslin at djgeslin@gmail.com. Paul Westermeyer, Dean

We have received a number of responses to “send electronically.” Those of you who have not responded may still do it; the date given was only to get a list for this issue of Pipenotes, but we can make changes at any time. Thanking those who responded is one reason for reporting this in the Dean’s column, but not the only reason.

I want to let everybody in the Chapter know about this, partly because everybody should know, but also to report on your Board’s good work. Before I was Dean, the Twin Cities Chapter of the AGO had impressed me with its strong programs, strong concern for members, and an equally strong ability to handle resources well to make possible the first two strengths. The decision about Pipenotes and other recent actions by the Board point to all three of these things.

The Program Committee under David Jenkins’ leadership has provided us with another set of fine programs this year, as demonstrated by Alcee Chriss’s playing and the dinner at the opening event for the year. The decision about Pipenotes was stimulated by an attempt to make sure all members get the same information, whether they receive Pipenotes by e-mail or through the Post Office. The Board’s instruction to me to send a request to you to keep this decision as economical as possible reflects the concern for responsible stewardship of our resources.

These kinds of things only happen where decisions are made reflectively and with care, and where people who take on tasks carry them out responsibly. It is my pleasure to serve a Board and membership who do these things very well. Thank you on my and your collective behalf.

TCAGO Opening Event
On Friday, September 18, TCAGO presented an organ concert and dinner to open the 2015-2016 season. Alcee Chriss, an Oberlin Conservatory of Music graduate and prize winner, performed on the 67-rank Live-ly-Fulcher pipe organ at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis.

After the concert nearly 90 chapter members and guests gathered for dinner, the annual installation of board members, and browsed the used music sale organized by TCAGO member Jeff Patry. Many thanks to Carsten Slostad and the Hospitality committee for arranging such a delightful meal – complete with wine graciously donated by “The Organ Doctor,” David Engen.
**New Member**

Greetings, my name is Diane Tuseth, and I am very happy to be one of the newest members of TCAGO. I’m looking forward to my involvement in the Guild while meeting others and continue learning as an organist and musician.

My delight in listening to organ music began at a young age while attending services in a northwestern Minnesota Scandinavian Lutheran Church. I happily accepted the invitation to play a hymn while the organist participated in holy communion and this led to organ study with Alpha Morck, an organist in Crookston. This was the beginning of a lifetime of playing various organs and varied church services.

After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College with a music/piano minor; education major, I resided in Phoenix and San Jose where I worked as a piano instructor and substitute organist. My husband, three children and I have moved back to the Twin Cities. It was a pleasure to substitute in two area churches before landing in my present position at Minnetonka Lutheran Church. I am fortunate to lead worship, play solos on the organ/piano, and accompany various choirs and ensembles. It’s an honor to help and inspire others through music.

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**Let All the Earth Rejoice Hymn Festival**

**Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m.**
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis**

The Bethlehem Music Series begins its 34th season by celebrating the extraordinary with organ improvisator Aaron David Miller and the *Let All the Earth Rejoice* Hymn Festival.

Aaron David Miller, renowned organ improviser and performer, is noted for his high quality imaginative and creative style in performance and composition. Mr. Miller serves as Director of Music and Organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul.

The festival will include the winning entry from a nation-wide hymn competition. The House of Hope Presbyterian Church Motet Choir - Matthew Culleton, director, and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Senior Choir - David Mennicke, director, will join Miller to raise their voices in song.

Pre-concert conversation at 3:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4100 Lyndale Avenue S, Minneapolis
http://www.bethlehem-church.org/

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**Basilica Organ Series**

**Thursday, October 15, 8:00 p.m.**
**Basilica of St. Mary**

All are invited to the opening concert of a series at The Basilica commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Solemn Dedication of the “Centennial” Organ on this date in 1950.

Current and former Basilica organists Kim Kasling, Robert Vickery, and Christopher Stroh will...
offer a varied program including the works of Bach, Courboin, Dupre, Van Hulse, and Widor played at the 1950 concert of dedication while highlighting colors from the organ’s original specification.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in all Basilica lots and on the street.

Free will donations will be gratefully received.

All are welcome to a free reception in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall (basement) after the concert.

Please visit The Basilica website or email cstroh@mary.org for more information.

Basilica of St. Mary
88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis
http://www.mary.org/

Finnish organist and baritone in concert
Sunday, October 18, 4:00 p.m.
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

On Sunday, October 18, Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis will host renowned Finnish organist Kalevi Kiviniemi in an organ recital with Jukka Pietilä, chief baritone soloist at the Turku (Finland) Cathedral.

The concert is a cooperative effort of Central Lutheran, the Finlandia Foundation National, the Finlandia Foundation Minnesota and the Finnish Honorary Consul.

In addition to original organ works by Kiviniemi, the concert will include pieces by Liszt, Pierné, da Falla and Widor. The second half will focus on the music of Jean Sibelius, whose 150th anniversary of his birth is being celebrated in 2015.

An interview by Minnesota Public Radio’s Pipedreams announcer, Michael Barone, will be a part of a reception that follows the concert. Free will offering. Free parking in Central Lutheran’s lot (south of the church).

(Other area concerts by the duo include Lawrence University in Appleton WI, on Wednesday, October 14, at 8:00 p.m.; Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter on Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.; and First Lutheran Church in Duluth on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m.)

Central Lutheran Church
333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis
http://www.centralmpls.org/

St. Cecilia choral festival
Monday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Lumen Christi Catholic Church, St. Paul

The Twin Cities Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians invites one and all to the annual Saint Cecilia Sing. Join the Choirs of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis in raising our collectives voices in sung praise and thanksgiving. The evening will begin by singing the Litany of Saints by John Becker. Visit with friends and colleagues at a reception following the program.

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
2055 Bohland Avenue, St. Paul
http://www.lumenchristicc.org

STEPHEN HAMILTON
Concert Organist

An excellent performance of the Bach “Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor” (was) given by Stephen Hamilton who obviously knew the (Buxtehude) organ’s sonorous capabilities and brought them powerfully to bear in a resounding account. He took serious risks with accents of duration at one point, lingering on strong beats, but succeeded in enhancing the effect of teeming culmination that lies at the heart of this work. —The New York Times

www.stephenjonhamilton.com
952-934-0331
**Halloween Hoopla**

**Saturday, October 24, 4:00 p.m.**
**Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Paul**

It’s our third annual *Halloween Hoopla*, this year with carnival games to kick-off the afternoon! The performance features “scary” and festive music for the organ, the “Pilgrimaires” and other Pilgrim musicians, as well as “spooky” stories and poems. Wear your Halloween costume and participate in the costume parades (if you dare!).

Carnival games begin at 2:00 p.m. on the Lower Level. Program at 4:00 p.m. is in the Sanctuary. Back to the Lower Level for cookie decorating and other festive activities.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
1935 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul
http://www.pilgrimstpaul.org

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**Organ Recital**

**Sunday, October 25, 4:00 p.m.**
**St. Helena Catholic Church, Minneapolis**

Steve Gentile will present an organ recital celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Installation of the Additions to the 3-manual Wicks organ at the Church of St. Helena.

The program will include works by Robert Jones, Buxtehude, Bach, Pasini, Andrew Tessman, Franck, Boulanger and Nosetti.

Massimo Nosetti, who died unexpectedly at the age 53 on 11/12/13, played the dedication of the instrument in 1990, and returned for the 15th and 20th anniversary programs. This recital, played in his memory, will include some of his organ compositions.

Gentile served as Director of Music at St. Helena for 28 years, continues to teach there and serves as Assistant Organist.

The program is free. Offering will be taken.
Handicap accessible.
St. Helena Catholic Church
3204 E. 43rd Street, Minneapolis
http://www.sainthelena.us

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**Re-dedication Recital**

**Sunday, October 25, 4:00 p.m.**
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Center**

Kathryn Schenk and Allan Mahnke will present a re-dedication recital on the instrument substantially rebuilt by Grandall and Engen at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Center. Following a theme of *Wachet auf*, the program will include works by Mendelssohn, Samuel Adler, Kenneth Leighton, J.S. Bach, and Max Reger, plus the original 4-hand version of Peter Warlock’s *Capriol*.

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center
http://www.crossofglory.us

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**Pre-Halloween Organ Concert**

**Friday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.**
**St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi**

The Eleventh annual *Tricks and Treats with the Mighty Organ* concert will be presented by resident organist Bill Chouinard on Friday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church on the 1927 IV/108 Casavant/Schantz organ.

The performance, replete with special lighting and effects, is designed with young listeners in mind, and children are invited to come in costume and join in the costume parade around the room. New this year will be the Edwin Lemere transcription of the
Saint-Saëns *Danse Macabre* coordinated with the classic Harold Dexter Hoopes watercolor pictures on large video displays, adding an appropriately spooky visual “accompaniment” to the music.

Refreshments and treats for kids of all ages will be served after the program, and an offering will be received. Come early for Papa Murphy’s pizza sold by the slice in the Youth and Sports Center from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church is located about one mile north of Hwy 36 on Hilton Trail, just east of the 694/35E (exit 52B) junction. More information is available at the website or by calling 651-426-3261.

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
900 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi
http://www.saintandrews.org

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**Great Musical Celebration on All Saints Day**

**Sunday, November 1, 4:00 p.m.**

**Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins**

Zion Lutheran Church will host an afternoon of exciting organ and brass music ranging from classical to jazz. Join the well-known head organist and Director of Parish Music at Zion – Brice Petersen, and his special guests for an afternoon of great music. Brice will be featured on the renowned thirty-six rank Van Daalen pipe organ. Selections will include solo organ compositions by Bach, Franck, Reger, Sowerby, Locklair and Utterback.

Joining him will be the acclaimed Superior Brass Quintet. This Twin Cities favorite group will highlight such composers as Gabrieli, Biebl and a wonderfully-jazzy setting of *Amazing Grace*. The afternoon climaxes with the collaborations of organ, brass and the listener invited to join in singing favorite hymns such as *For All the Saints* and *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*.

For more detailed information, contact the church office at 952-938-7661 or Brice Petersen, Director of Music at brice.petersen@zionhopkins.org. Mr. Petersen earned his Master of Sacred Music degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, in collaboration with St. Olaf College.

Zion Lutheran Church
241 Fifth Avenue N., Hopkins
http://zionhopkins1.publishpath.com

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VocalEssence goes Big (Band) this Christmas!

VocalEssence swings into the holiday season with its annual concert series – Welcome Christmas. This year the series features Swedish composer Nils Lindberg’s A Christmas Cantata, an “iridescent medley that invigorates, inspires and swings in equal measure,” according to allaboutjazz.com.

Both Philip Brunelle, founder of VocalEssence and new associate conductor G. Phillip Shoultz, III will conduct during this spirited holiday show, which brings together the 100-voice VocalEssence Chorus, the 32-voice Ensemble Singers and a big band, performing a lineup that blends jazz style with traditional melodies.

As is tradition, two new carols – Go Tell It on the Mountain by Laura Caviani and Sleep Softly, Lullaby by Josh Bauder, winners of the Welcome Christmas Carol Contest – will enjoy their world premieres during the concert. The annual competition, now in its eighteenth year, is sponsored by VocalEssence and the American Composers Forum, and invites composers of all ages to write a modern-day carol. This year, and staying in tune with Lindberg’s work, composers were asked to write a carol for SATB chorus and trumpeter in B-flat or C.

Tickets are available from $10-$40, with not all price levels available at all venues. For more information about this concert series and to purchase tickets, please call 612-371-5656 or visit vocalessence.org.

Calendar of Events

October

Saturday, October 10, 10:30 a.m.
Pipedreams Scholarship audition
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata

Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m.
Let All the Earth Rejoice Hymn Festival
Aaron David Miller, organist
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4100 Lyndale Avenue S., Minneapolis

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333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis
Jonathan Ryan, organ
FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 7:30 p.m.

Hailed as one of the finest young organists in the country, Jonathan Ryan has wowed audiences throughout the world with his virtuosity, sensitivity, and command of the organ. Recently returned from a tour of Europe, St. Paul-Reformation is delighted to welcome Mr. Ryan for his first performance in the Twin Cities.

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Lumen Christi Catholic Church
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Pilgrimage of Faith, Heritage and Music
Jim Hild, contact person
All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka

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Three Chorales of César Franck
Kraig Windschitl, Christopher Stroh,
Jeffrey Patry, organists
Basilica of St. Mary
88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis

TCAGO Program Event
Saturday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.
Masterclass with Balint Karosi
St. Mary’s Chapel
The Saint Paul Seminary
2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

TCAGO Program Event
Sunday, November 15, 2:00 p.m.
Organ Artist Concert Series
Balint Karosi, organist
University of St. Thomas Chapel
Cleveland & Laurel Aves., St. Paul

January
TCAGO Program Event
Saturday, January 16, time tba
Mid-Winter Tune up
UBS Forum, Minnesota Public Radio
480 Cedar Street, St. Paul

TCAGO Program Event
Sunday, January 24, time tba
Widor Festival
Bakken Trio
Antonello Recital Hall, MacPhail Center
501 South Second Street, Minneapolis

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Materials may be sent to Merritt Nequette, editor.

Letters to the Editor

Signed Letters to the Editor are always welcome.

Mail letters to Merritt Nequette.

Pipedreams

For a listing of organ events statewide, access the Pipedreams Organ Calendar. For both on-air and website listings of organ-related activities, please send information to Michael Barone, or to Pipedreams Calendar, 480 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

MPR

Classical Minnesota Public Radio encourages you to enter your classical music performance events in the MPR online calendar.

On the top bar of the general MPR web page, click on “Events,” then “Events Calendar,” then “Classical Music.” However, if you find yourself on the Classical MPR main page, click on “More,” then “Events,” then “Classical Music.”

In either case, once on the page that lists Classical Music Events, if you wish to add your own upcoming activity, under the headline for “Calendar Events Home” at the top of the page you should find an additional prompt for “Submit Event.” Fill in all appropriate boxes (and check to see if your venue is already logged into the system, which might save you some time).

Note that this MPR Calendar information will reach a different audience than that submitted to Barone for posting on the TCAGO/Pipedreams calendar pages. Both are free, the one a self-service feature and a separate vehicle by which you can let people (including the Classical MPR program hosts) know about your classical music concerts.

By all means, continue to send information directly to Michael Barone too!! We also encourage you to regularly request organ selections on the “Friday Favorites” show with Steven Staruch. Encourage and promote the inclusion of more organ music in MPR’s programming!